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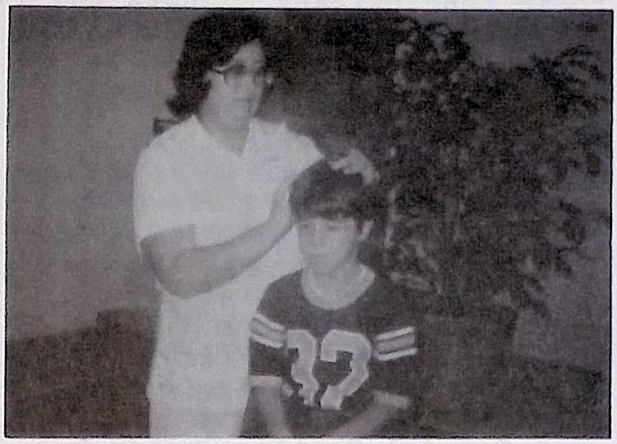
A BATTLE WON



It appeared to be another routine beginning for another school year. It was school registration day when Becky, a parent, informed us that there were students who had head lice. No real alarm, however. We have had head lice appear on and off for the past five years. A quick check of students usually reveals three to four cases. They are routinely sent home to be treated; then return. End of problem. NOT SO THIS TIME.

A head check the second day revealed several cases of lice in school. From that point on, nothing was "routine" or "as usual". Continued checking found more and more cases daily. By the third week, we were sending home twenty to thirty students daily. We reached an all-time high of forty on one day. All-out war was declared on the pests, but we appeared to be losing.

John Glenn School was experiencing its darkest hour since it opened its doors in the 1960's. Never had our school been confronted with so much tension. Never have we had to deal with so many irate parents. Whole days were to be spent confronting one angry, embarrassed, upset parent after another. Then there was fumigating the school, quarantining the student's personal belongings, and on occasion, dealing with a doctor's disagreement of our policy.

Things came to a head when an informational meeting filled our school gym with concerned parents. Two hours of discussion involving the County Health Department, school nurses, the Superintendent, Principal, and parents, left our school and communities committed to completely eradicating the problem. The battle continued. This time teams of volunteers assisted in the screening. Tempers had cooled. We began to see humor in our frustration. Then, almost as quickly as it started, the tide had turned.

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We were winning. The long awaited moment arrived. The day before a big Halloween parade, a head check turned up NO LICE or NITS. We had finally won. What a joyous parade the next day. Little wonder that the "Nit Nurse" would win a first place!

We won this round, however, we must keep our guard up. Lice are still a tremendous problem in many schools throughout the county and state.

CARNIVAL TIME AGAIN

The 1983 carnival is now history. What a carnival! The lice problem did not dampen the spirits of our workers or our supporters. The carnival once again broke previous records for income. A break down is listed below.

Donation	$ 20.00
Raffle	2262.05
Tickets	1076.68
Chuckwagon	786.75
Bazaar	456.22
	$4601.70

After bills and taxes, we should profit about $3300.00.

A successful fund-raiser of this type does not just happen. It happens because a lot of hard-working volunteers make it happen.

We would be remiss if we did not give special recognition to the committee chairpeople listed below. Many have spent hours for weeks ahead putting this thing together.

Chris Henzen
Linda Holdorf
Vickie Clark.....Games
Phyllis Filson
Lois Braden.....Bazaar
Nancy Risius
Marcia Golinghorst..Raffle
Joanne Hammes
Connie Schnoor..Prizes
Jan Carlton
Stephanne Peterson..
Chuck Wagon
Judy Loussaert
Sue Lafferty
Vi Strobbe.....Cake Walk
Barb Lafrenz.....Bingo
Joanne Hammes..Face Paint

A job well done!

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE MONEY

With a successful fund raiser comes the annual question... "What is the profit used for?"

Since our Room Parent Organization was formed back in the early 70's, our school has offered many unique and special activities for our student body. These special programs are possible because they are annually funded to the tune of nearly $1200 by our P.T.O. through their fund raisers. These special student projects and programs include:

Activity Period
Birthday Recognition
Ecology Week
Horse Show
Halloween Parade
Christmas Party
Christmas Decorations
School Newspaper
Essay Contest Prizes
Special Assembly Programs (entertainment)
Special Parties for Student Helpers
Field Trip Supplement
Awards and Ribbons for Students

In addition, the funds have made the following major purchases:

Laminating Machine
Micro Wave Oven
Electric Range for Mini Cooking
Reading Tables for Primary
Popcorn Machine
Carnival Equipment
Stage Lighting
Stage Panels
Public Address System
Photo Copier for Photography
Black-out Shades in Gym
Bookbinder

INTRODUCING

Our new music and art teachers...

NEW FACES AT JOHN GLENN

Reporters: Carie Brannam
Michelle Cirillo

We interviewed our new part-time music teacher, Mrs. Mulvihill. She is married and has one son, Tim. He is one year old.

Mrs. Mulvihill graduated from the University of Northern Iowa. She wanted to be a music teacher because she likes kids and music.

Mrs. Mulvihill likes all the different things to do in music but she dislikes recess duty.

Actually, Mrs. Mulvihill is not new to John Glenn, as she taught here eight years ago. We're glad to have her back.

NEW ART TEACHER

Reporter: Connie Braden

After interviewing Mr. Goodall, I learned he has a wife, JoAnn, and two children, Joey, 3½ and Katie, 19 months.

Tom received his art degree from the University of Northern Iowa and his degree to teach at the elementary division from St. Ambrose. Mr. Goodall became a teacher because he enjoys teaching children.

Mr. Goodall says that he likes the contact with young children and the joy of watching them learn. He dislikes having to stop the class when the bells ring, because that's when they really start to WORK.

New bus driver....

Reporters: Brenda Shimp
Kelly Williams

Collett Graham is a new bus driver this year for John Glenn. She really likes driving because she has a brand new bus. Collett has been driving for four years; two of them part time. She used to have one of the oldest buses.

Collett has relatives in John Glenn; Mrs. Kaczinski is her mom, and Jessica, her daughter, is in Mrs. Stokes' first grade.

She said that she really likes driving for John Glenn School.

WELCOME TO JOHN GLENN

Reporter: Connie Braden

Mrs. Stokes has 4 new students. Joshua Costello went to Lockridge before coming to John Glenn. He said they didnjt have desks there and we have snacks, and they didn't. He decided he didn't like our school.

Jeremy Hannon went to the elementary school in Colona, Illinois. We've got desks and he likes that.

Jason Lafferty went to Hoover School. He says we have a bigger gym and playground. He likes our school.

Rana Riedesel is also new to John Glenn School. She also attended Hoover School and she likes JOhn Glenn School better.

Reporter: Natalie Maxwell

Kathleen Stock is in 5th grade. She came from Whittier Elementary in Oskaloosa, Iowa. She says her school didn't have a school store. She also thinks this school is great!

Greg Alcala is in 6th grade. He attended Garfield School in Davenport last year. He says his school didn't have an activity period; instead they had 2 recesses. He also thinks this school is great.

Jack Hodges is in 6th grade and attended Alan Shepard last year. At Alan Shepard the rooms are all separate and he liked that better than the open area. He says this school is "Pretty good".

WHY COULDN'T THE WITCH FLY ON HER BROOM WHEN SHE WAS MAD?
SHE KEPT FLYING OFF THE HANDLE!!

NEW FACES IN THIRD GRADE

Reporters: Shelly Lafrenz
Michel Cirillo

Kimberly Seymour is in 3rd grade and came from Hawthorne - Irving School in Rock Island. She likes this school better than her last. This school is fine to her.

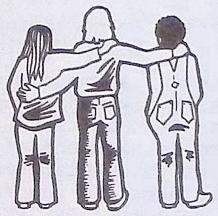
John Lafferty came from Hoover Elementary. He thinks John Glenn has more classes than his last school and he thinks it's real nice here.

Reporter: Connie Braden

Teresa West is in fourth grade. She attended Garfield in Davenport, Ia. She says rules are harder to follow at John Glenn and she likes our lunches better. She says this school is excellent.

Also new to fourth grade is Jodie Funk. Jodie's last school was Wheatland. She likes John Glenn better because of the friends and activity class. They didn't have activity class at Wheatland, but they had 3 recesses.

Shawn Sands is in the fourth grade and likes John Glenn School because of activity class and the teachers and friends.



OPEN HOUSE AT JOHN GLENN

Reporters: Kerry Clark
Connie Braden
Shelly Lafrenz

On Monday, September 12, 1983, students from all grades brought their parents to Open House. The students took their parents around to all of their teachers and introduced them. Several volunteers brought refreshments which were served in the gym. Open House has always been a way to start off a new school year.

LIBRARY HELPERS

Reporter: Connie Braden

Jenny Siebke and Peggy Ranson are 2 of 13 library helpers. All library helpers are in 6th grade. Jenny likes to card the file and doesn't like shelving non-fiction. Peggy likes everything they do in this activity.

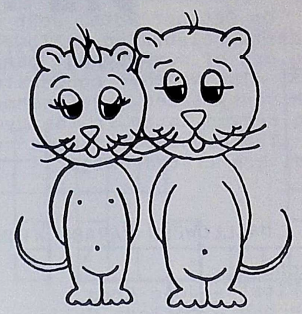
If you want to be a library helper, you have to take a test first and pass it. Mrs. Brunson and Mrs. McGrath help out lots and the students help them a lot.

T.A.G.

Reporters: Shelly Lafrenz
Kerry Clark

T.A.G. stands for Talented and Gifted. Jeff Schafer is the teacher for this class. Mr. Schafer came from Nebraska where he used to teach 4th grade.

To qualify for this class, a test was given and a student had to be in the top 3%. The students meet with Mr. Schafer sometime during Tuesdays.



VOTE

STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Reporters: Brenda Shimp
Kelly Wuestenberg

To be elected for Student Council, you have to do four things.

1. Anyone who wanted to be on the council was required to have a nomination sheet filled out.
2. They had to register.
3. They could draw posters and put them anywhere on the wall.
4. If you were registered, you could vote for three people in your grade.

The winners were:

Third Grade:	Jenny Noel
	Marcy Snyder
	Jill Johannsen
Fourth Grade:	Kirk Golinghorst
	Teresa Looney
	Tom Paris
Fifth Grade:	Jacque Hammes
	Brad Buck
	Larry Thein
Sixth Grade:	Elizabeth Carlton
	Lance Golinghorst
	Daron Shirey

BOO!

On October 28th, John Glenn students celebrated Halloween with one of our biggest parades ever. The weather cooperated with sunny skies. Refreshments were served later in the gym.

The winners for each grade level are listed below.

Hallloween Parade Winners

Teachers:
First - Joan Erps
Second - Colleen Collins
Third - Mrs. Stokes

Pre-School:
First - Lindsay Jenkins
Second - Jenny Jamison
Third - Curt Engler
Fourth - Kent Engler
Fifth - Leah Engler
Sixth - Mathew Jewel

Kindergarten:
First - Shad Manley
Second - Mandy Brannam
Third - Alyssa Linnenbrink
Fourth - Laura Kling
Fifth - Jack Johnston
Sixth - Jenny Hansen

First Grade:
First - Corey Engelbrecht
Second - Leah Seifert
Third - Tara Ash
Fourth - Louis Labovitch
Fifth - Jarrad Scott
Sixth - Natalie Goettsch

Second Grade:
First - Pat O'Connor
Second - Stacey Henzen
Third - Amiee McGimpsey
Fourth - Doug Brannam
Fifth - Rachel Armstrong
Sixth - Marc Strobbe

Third Grade:
First - Trent Engler
Second - Darin Engelbrecht
Third - Shawn Manley
Fourth - Chad Reickard
Fifth - Andy & George Ranson
Sixth - Randy Peel

Here some of the ghosts and goblins prepare to join the parade.

Fourth Grade:
First - Danny Allison
Second - Kirk Golinghorst
Third - Ted Meier
Fourth - Teresa West
Fifth - Jason Offchiss
Sixth - Cindy Loussaert & Amy Shannon

Fifth Grade:
First - Sandy Manley
Second - Sarah Rathje
Third - John Peterson
Fourth - Stephanie Riceman
Fifth - Megan Towers
Sixth - Aaron Corbin

Sixth Grade:
First - Jim Ruggeberg
Second - Kathy DeSplinter
Third - Travis Ralfs
Fourth - Kelli Wuestenberg
Fifth - Connie Braden
Sixth - Rhonda Welte

Judges for our Halloween parade were Eljean Lafrenz, Bud Keppy, Connie Pewe, Denise Greve, Marita Whisler, Darlene Wuestenberg, Helen Keppy, Ruth Ann Greve, Gary and Eunice Grell, Barb Meyer, and Betty Paustian. Thanks to everyone for making our Halloween Parade a big success.

HALLOWEEN

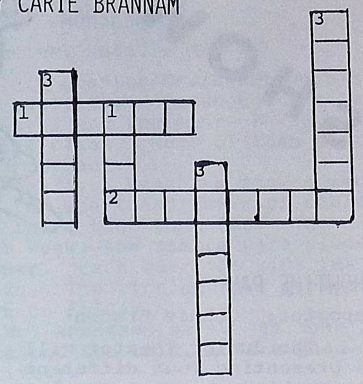
CROSSWORD PUZZLE BY CARIE BRANNAM

Across:

1. Spirits and _____ come out on Halloween.
2. Jack O' _____ are put out on doorsteps.
3. Parents _____ kid's candy before letting them eat it.

Down:

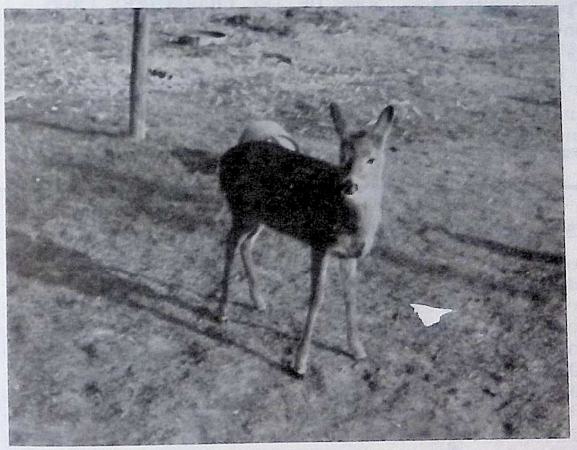
1. Stores _____ lots of candy.
2. People give out _____ to little kids dressed up.
3. Ghosts and gobblins roam the _____ and scare people.



When is a spook like a turkey?
When it's a gobblin!

How long should a black cat's legs be?
Long enough to reach the ground!

A "DEER" FRIEND

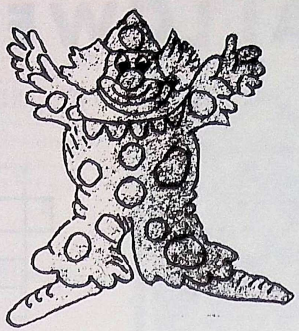


Jerry Knapper has an unusual guest at his house. In fact, the guest has been there a year now. "Sticks" is a deer Jerry found abandoned by her mother last fall in some brush near his house. They think the mother was either shot or hit by a car.

"Sticks" has free run of the area and may leave any time. Once she cut her leg badly and needed 30 stitches. She watches as Jerry boards the bus almost every morning and also gets into trouble like a puppy would.

Jerry hopes the hunters stay away.

SHOW TIME



SHOWTIME PAL

Reporter: Connie Braden

The Junior Theater will be presenting four different plays this season at the Annie Wittenmyer Complex. Show Time Pal came to our school in October and presented a part of one of the plays, "Daniel Boone".

After the play, we interviewed Naomi Bartz. She said she would like to see it if her mom would let her.

Mrs. Collins would like to go see Daniel Boone because it has something to do with a Social Studies unit.

The four different plays are, "Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp" on Nov. 12, 13, 16, and 19,"Daniel Boone" on Jan. 28, 29, & Feb. 1, and 4, "Jack and the Beanstalk" on March 17, 18, 21, & 24, and "Imagine That" on May 5, 6, 9, and 12.

SOME OF THE CHARACTERS FROM "DANIEL BOONE"

FUNNY WORDS

Reporters: Brenda Shimp, Kelly Williams, & Kerry Clark

We looked up some words in the dictionary that were unfamiliar to us and asked some students what they thought they meant. Here are some of the funny answers:

The word was scone which means a little cake or muffin.

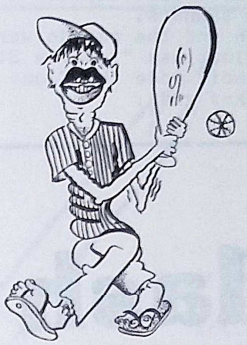
Rachael Zaruba: "Someone that's weird."
Mandy Campbell: "Somebody's body."
Jill Stender: "Blueberry frosting."
Brandi Albers: "An animal."
Melanie Holdor: "Riding a bike."
Chad Reickard: "An ice cream cone."
Jenny Henzen: "It's nice."

Roving reviewer

ACTIVITIES THIS QUARTER

Reported by Shelly Lafrenz

Soccer, softball, and kickball are only a few of the many activities this year. With our six-day cycle, you get different activities for five days and music or art one day. Here are several interviews we took with the supervisers of the various activities.



SOFTBALL

Reported by Chris Baker and Natalie Maxwell

Another activity this quarter is softball taught by Mrs. McFate on Days 1, 3, 4, and 5, and by Mrs. Kaczinski on Days 2 and 6.

Mrs. McFate says she likes the kids to have good sportsmanship and learn the rules. All we can say is "Mr. McQuary, watch out... your job is in jeopardy!"

HORSESHOES

Reporter: Natalie Maxwell

This quarter Mr. Arentson has the activity, Horseshoes. It is on Day 3 and there are 24-30 kids in the class. Most of them are in 3rd grade.

The first week the stakes were too far apart and the kids couldn't throw them that far. The next week, the stakes were placed closer. Each week the kids improve. The winning team gets popcorn on Friday.

Mr. Arentson says, "As long as it's not too cold, it's a good activity."

WEED DYEING

Reported by Brenda Shimp, Kelly Williams, and Kerry Clark

One of our activities this quarter is weed dyeing. Mrs. McGrath, the director of weed dyeing, said that she has 23 kids on Day 2 and 11 on Day 6. One week they hike down the road and the next week they dye them in powdered dye. The dye colors are purple, blue, yellow, orange, and aqua. After that they spray them with hair spray and take them home. They turn out very colorful.

SOCCER

Reporters: Carie Brannam
Michel Cirillo

Mr. McQuary has been teaching soccer at activity. He teaches Days 1 through 6 in the soccer field. He likes teaching soccer because it is an equal game for everyone and there is lots of fast, exciting action. It is also a good skill developer and is well liked by all students.

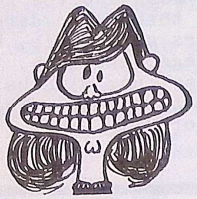
Mrs. Braunschweig and Mr. Arentson are shown putting the finishing touches on our float.

25TH ANNIVERSARY

Reporter: Shelly Lafrenz

John Glenn students were busy on homecoming week. They decorated a John Glenn Float. Many students and teachers participated in stuffing napkins into chicken wire and painting banners.

On Tuesday, the coronation of the queen and the parade were held in Eldridge. The theme of the John Glenn float was "Today's Students, Tomorrows Leaders". All of the student council rode the float and many students marched in front wearing red and gray.



SAY CHEESE!

Reporter: Natalie Maxwell

On Monday, October 3rd, the whole school had pictures taken. Students were supposed to have bright colored clothes, neatly combed hair, and smiles. Pictures are usually returned sometime before Thanksgiving.

Flash

LAWMAN COMES TO TOWN

Reporter: Connie Braden

Gene Kobel from the Iowa State Patrol came on the 18th of October to talk to us about safety. He showed a movie about bicycle safety and we asked some questions for him to answer. He gave us a card that had tips for Halloween safety.

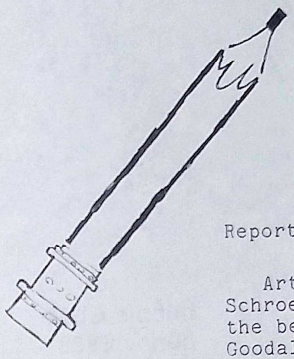
Attention : Button Up !

SCHOOL PATROL

Reporters: Kelly Williams
Kerry Clark

There are 23 students on the school patrol this year. Each student was issued new helmets and belts.

The captain is Chad Flynn, and the lieutenant is Shelly Lafrenz. Every month three patrolmen are selected by Shelly and Chad. Of the three, Mrs. Collins selects one for the Patrolman of the Month. Angie Drummond was selected to be the Patrolman of the Month of September.

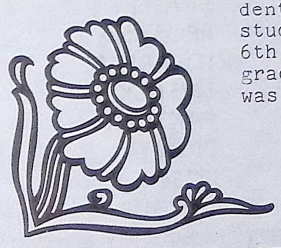


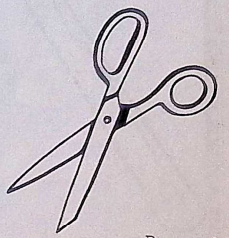
ARTIST OF THE WEEK

Reporters: Brenda Shimp
Dori Seifert

Artist of the week is when Mrs. Schroeder and Mr. Goodall pick out the best project in art class. Mr. Goodall picks one week and Mrs. Schroeder picks the next.

One week a primary student gets it and then an intermediate student. So far two intermediate students were chosen; Chad Flynn, 6th grade, and Donna Noel, 5th grade. Tonya Kephart, 2nd grade was also chosen.





THINK PINK

Look up, down, across, back and diagonally to find the names of things that are, or could be, pink. Find just the CAPITALIZED words.

P R O R
D C T E W E H G
B E L O T E U T N I J
M Y S T L G L I N I T W
Z A E V T O G I P A T S M
N E S T O N I P P S I O N G
H R R L A C A L S I W R L
G E C N O T B A T I W F
S E T A R N A T C B
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E T Y A M
Q L K P E

bubble GUM
bunny EYES
CARNATION
COTTON CANDY
ERASER
FROSTING
ICE CREAM
LIPSTICK
PANTHER
PIGLET
ROSE
TONGUE